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Group Art Unit: 3681
Examiner: H. Ho
Title: Differential Assembly And Method Of Assembly
Attorney Docket: 46107-0083
Reply To Office Action Dated: September 15, 2004

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- 2) Fee Transmittal For FY 2004 (1 page); and
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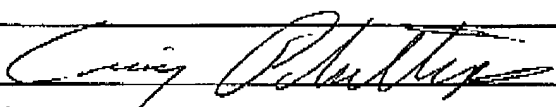
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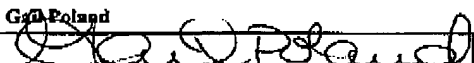
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1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2004, for which the one-month shortened statutory period for response expires on October 15, 2004. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, Group I (Claims 1-6 – drawn to a method of assembling a differential) and Group II (Claims 7-16 – drawn to a differential assembly). Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group II (Claims 7-16) and request withdrawal of the Group I claims from consideration with the understanding that Applicants may pursue the withdrawn claims in a subsequent continuation or divisional application.

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REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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